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solely with production problems were omitted.

The replies for the most part report what has been done, but a final question asked for suggestions as to how the domestic distribution department might help in lowering the cost of merchandising to a normal cost of merchandising to a normal basis. Far the largest number of answers said "Do something to lower freight rates."

The greatest variety of answer was received in response to the ques-tion: "What are you doing to reduc-

tion: "What are you doing to reduce your personnel costs to a normal basis?" The general tone of these answers was not so much toward a reduction in wages as in reduction of numbers. An increased efficiency came with the cutting out of the deadwood. Only about one-fourth of those who answered had made any direct reduction of wages.

About 52 per cent have reduced the number of employes and have done away with one-fifth of their workers. One-fifth reported that they had done away with or reduced commissions and behapes. How many had been in the habit of giving bonuses, the answers do not show, but as this form of reward was, perhaps, very largely an outgrowth of war conditions, it may be fair to guess that it tions, it may be fair to guess that it is fast disappearing with return to more settled times.

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Current estimates indicate the course of increased passenger service.

Current estimates indicate that operations in both weaving and spinning mills were on a larger scale in April than in March, the report states. This is due partly to increased mill activity and also in anticipation of tariff legislation, which is bringing large imports of raw wool from England, Australa, and South America.

There is an actual shortage of high-grade men's spring clothing for immediate delivery as the result of previous unwillingness of merchants to place orders for future delivery.

WATCH PLANT TO REOPEN.

Hard to Float German Bonds, Bankers Say

of reparations is fixed, Germany will They point out that Germany's gold land and France. holdings and exportable commodities at present are utterly insufficient to pay more than a small part of the required amount. General opinion is required amount. General opinion is that none of the Reichsbank's gold will be held permanently, but will be

returned upon settlement of the reparations question.

Will the German reparation bonds work their way into the United States market in payment for our exports to Details Completed for Taking England and France? Will they, because of the necessarily high yield, seriously affect our own investment securities? These are moot questions in the financial district.

Consensus among bankers is that no great amount of such German Consequently, the effect on the investment securities and money markets will be negligible.

Bankers doubt that either England or France will guarantee payment of the German bonds. Of course, if the United States were willing to accept these bonds as payment for their indebtedness, those countries might in that case guarantee them. But public sentiment appears so strongly opposed to this that such a step is considered

Some question was expressed as to just how the German bonds would get into the hands of individuals, either in England or in France. That the British and French goverments could refund some of their outstanding obligations by exchange of German bonds, even when guaranteed by the English and French governments, was considered doubtful. Nationals in the allied countries would scarcely be willing to make the exchange.

an offering would have to be made ent at Washington. at a discount large enough to induce speculative buying. Bankers say that the German bonds would probably not be worth more than German

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Belief is entertained among invest-ment bankers that once the amount is worth but 6 per cent of parity. German bonds at a heavy discount would not influence adversely the

IN EFFECT MONDA

Over of Three Systems by Southeastern Company.

ATLANTA, Ga. April 30.—Every detall of the arrangements for taking the express business on lines of the Southern Railway System the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, and the s expected that the change will be made without the slightest interruption of service, according to Assistant General Manager Joseph E. Skaggs, who for the past sixty days has been directing the preparations of the new express company for beginning actual

"Every express at local points on our lines will be continued," said opened and ready for business at all organized to operate the new offices. while the personnel at local offices and in service on trains will be practically unchanged."

A flotation of the German bonds eastern Express Company will be in without the guarantee of the English the main lobby of the New Ebbitt and French governments, bankers say. Hotel, Fourteenth and F streets north-would be even more impossible. Such west. W. S. Hall will be superintend-

LOWER BANK RATE IS **EXPECTED BY BANKERS**

A revised schedule of Federal Reserve Bank rediscount rates is expected before long. Bankers say now that the Bank of England has taken the initiative in lowering rediscount rates, it is inevitable that similar action will be taken here soon. No reduction is expected this week, although bankers look for a change some time during the early

part of May.
The present position of the Federal Reserve banking system, they warrants a reduction in the It is emphasized, owever, that should the rate be lowered, it

sion of credit for speciative pur-While the present New York bank rate is 75 per cent, bankers do not believe that the reserve officials will lower the rate below 6½ per cent in the beginning. In other words, they will not go a step fur-ther than the Bank of England and lower the rate to 6 per cent.

SEN. ROBINSON WOULD AMEND RAILROAD ACT

Senator Robinson of Arkansas has introduced a bill in the Senate pro-viding that no increased rates, fare, charge, or classification shall become effective as to any carrier subject to interstate commerce act until the same has been approved by the Inter-state Commerce Commission. Such approval, however, can be given with-out a hearing being held. Under the present laws the commission may suspend a change of rates for investiga-tion, but hot for more than five months. At the expiration of that time, without a decision, the new rate becomes effective.

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IN FRENCH GRAVES

Reported Desecration of Heroes' Remains Threatened With Probe by Congress.

(Continued from Pirst Page.) with friends to the former front, and on us all in that never-to-be-forgotteon us all in that never-to-be-forgotteregion where the destinies of the
world were fought out was the proof
of the part that America performed
in the titanic struggle, given in
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sale of tens of thousands of highmanufacturers, who are reaping a veritable fortune through the
sale of tens of thousands of highpriced boxes at a time when a sec-

"'No more impressive tribute to American valor and American love of freedom can be imagined than these cemeteries. Nearly every one speaks of it. Some are large, some are amaller, but wherever they are one thrills at the sight of those lying there, with a thrill that nothing else

they are.

TESTS MADE ABROAD.

coffins is made abroad, the French

carpenters who unscrew and replace

most needed at home.
"It's little short of a national dis-

ed Washington last night. "These em

ropped into coffin to be shipped.

of the department have also

force knows great efforts are peing

lower the efficiency of the forces.

tions and the "conspiracies," and has

taken a firm stand in the matter.

ity, the head of the department, and that any official who failed to give

The principal campaign agains

Major Gessford has been directed by

preaching to the younger members of the force that Major Gessford "never hit the bricks," meaning that he never did street duty, and have

said that he came into the depart-

Commissioner Oyster has given

epartment that he will not tolerate

petty jealousies among officials and that any one found guilty of failure

to co-operate, no matter whether he

positive orders to the entire police

resentment.

"After two years under the ground

"The first one we saw was at Belleau Wood, beside Chateau-Thierry, where the men lying there and their comrades first stopped what appeared to be an irresistible advance and began the counter advance which never slackened till it had ended in victory.

FAVORS FRENCH CEMETERIES. "The largest we saw was the great cemetery at Romagne, where over 22,000 of our boys lie with the Ameri-can flag floating above them, visible for miles across the country they defor miles across the country they defended. We were led within three minutes to the especial graves we had gone to see, so perfect is the registry; but, in fact, as we stood among them all were especial. One felt personal pride in every gallant spirit whose mortal dust reposes there.

We were told that the bodies are to be exhumed. Standing there it seemed incredible. It seemed desecration to dig them up. It would be impossible could those who loved them best see their present resting place. When General Lee was asked to lend his name to a plan to remove the Confederate dead from Gettysburg he replied that he had always felt that the fittest resting place for a soldier was the field of honor on which he had nobly laid down his life. We

represent, each one, America in France, and France will never forget them. Lying there they will repeat spare neither sympathy, time or through the years to France the great money in correcting the situation betruth that Pershing spoke when he said, "Lafayette, we are here." If our people could only know how glorious they seem here they would leave them to represent the would provide them to represent the second to be seen the second to be seen to our people could only know how glorious they seem here they would leave them to represent them on the deld of their glory. field of their glory.
"THOMAS NELSON PAGE."

The speech of Senator Walsh, of fassachusetts, earlier in the week, in which he pictured the neglect of the maimed in the hospitals of this coun try, together with the action of the can Ambassador has attracted particular attention in the House of Representatives, and it is exepcted that this week there will be one or more grave situation abroad. Congress has already appropri-

of the permanent American cemeteries abroad, and it is expected that three times more that sum will be required before the work is completed. But in the meantime the American Legion and Congress officially and the parents sonally desire to know whether the day that Major Gessford was, and reports of the desecration of the graves of the men who gave their lives are true. While more than 20,-that any official who failed to gi that any official who failed to gi him co-operation, or was a party it is expected the work will be con- any conspiracy to remove Major tinued on to October, by which time it is hoped the bodies of all those with. whose return has been asked by near-

est relatives will be complete. Major Gessford has been directed by While there has been organized a some of the older members of the League," a strenuous protest against further removals is being given publicity through a nationally of the older members of the force, who, in years past, have had differences with him. They have been preaching to the younger manufactured by the preaching the p licity through a nationally circulated advertisement addressed to "War Fathers and Mothers" asking that letters be sent to the War Department to "tell them not to break the ranks of this quiet array that can know no defeat."

Stories of the mockery of the deed that are being heard in Washington know no defeat."

will be done to stimulate industry, and that the same eheck will be range all the way from the early applied in discouraging an expanwork of lifting up first one end of the work of lifting up first one end of the coffin and then sliding up the edge of the grave and allowing the whole body and uniform to settle in one end of the box, making it impossible for the inexperienced undertakers to put the remains back in proper condition before placing them in the coffin that is to carry them to their last resting on every big case, the precinct men to carry them to their last resting On every big case, the precinct men charge, the headquarters detectives try to capture all the glory and leave

Then came posed pictures of workers of the registrating service posing as pitcher and batter, with one rolding the leg of a man and the other at a distance holding a head as though to toss it as a baseball. Bodies have been allowed to remain out on a winter's night only to freeze, compalling the ambelman to that them and the attitude of the headquarters staff has caused much pelling the embalmers to thaw them out by barn fires the next day before further operations can be continued.

As these stories of desecration com-menced to reach Paris procautions ferent plots canvas fencese so no one on the outside could see the men at work. But tourists have their information from disgruntled former employes, and it is these stories that were taken by placing around the dif-

promise to arouse Congress to drastic action to place blame for conditions.

Speaking broadly the civilian personnel of the section is described as mosts undesirable, but in explanation for this comes the defense that the section expanded so speedily that any class had to be recruited to fill the force. Bootleggers and others of such unsavory reputations have been taken with little or no investigation from the eastern cities, and it is this gentry that is said to be principally responsible for the revolting mistreatment of the bodies of the soldier dead.

Relatively few of those on the work now are said to have seen service in the army or navy during the war, and

it is even said that those who deserted as their divisions went to the front have been able to land places in the present undertaking at the rather !!beral salaries that are paid. SALARIES ARE GOOD. These men's salaries, aside from the officers who receive pay of rank, run as high as \$3,000, with ten per

cent increase for overseas service, and they are allowed \$4 a day in lieu of subsistence while in the field. With the present difference in the rate of exchange when the franc is far off in comparison with the American dollar, those engaged in what would be considered sacred work are

enabled to live at a high pace, despite their rather unusual task.

That the civilian employes are making the most of their opportunities to enjoy to the limit their situation of being in a country in which prohibition does not prevail is pretty generally conceded eyen among those engaged in the reclamation work and their there has been gross intoxica-"DATES UP" GLUCK **BUMPS INTO COPS**

that there has been gross intoxica tion among those for whom officers are responsible are among the stories Girl Gratifies Curlosity to See that are being flaunted by returning "Real Thief" and Gets Aside from the large salaries, there Third Degree.

are other financial features in the graves situation that will probably engage the attention of Congress when the probe is gotten under way. It has been hinted from the outset (Continued from First Page.) he Arlington. Seven different times he shouted to me, Suppose it was not in the newspaper?' And he shook his

finger in my face.

"After the policewomen and detectives had left me. I asked the matron tives had left me, I asked the matron at the House of Detention to get me a lawyer. She refused, declaring the detectives had ordered that no one see me. I thought that strange, but I was sick and panicky. I was almost dead from the severe grilling. So I fell across the bed and cried.

"The next morning, Sunday, two detectives and Miss Mina Van Winkle, who is in charge of the Woman's Bureau took me again to police. bodies be allowed to remain where While unemployment in this country is rather acute, the tests for these

headquarters. There I was ques-tioned again. Every effort was made tioned again. Every effort was made to wring from me a false confession that some one had put me up to 'framing' Joe Gluck. As it was not true, I refused to say any such thing. "Then Mr. Leahy — William E. Leahy, who has been employed as special assistant district attorney to among those who have watched the steady flow of coin abroad when it special assistant district attorney to prosecute Arnstein and the other defendants in the bond cases—came into police headquarters with a stenographer. Mr. Leahy demanded that I take oath that I was telling the truth. I didn't understand why I should do this, but I did not hesitate grace to see these people at work in France," said an American who reachconception of the sentiment of our copie toward these dead. The French fin is dragged out the easiest way possible, a pick ax is smashed against the top of the box until the metal screws give way, and then the body is dragged out and stretched out and to be sworn. Then for over an hour he pressed me with questions. My

answers were taken down by a ste ographer.
"After Mr. Leahy had finished ques tioning me, one of the detectives shouted: 'I don't think you have the ruth in your heart-go home!' And eft was, 'You can't fool the police! He may have told the truth, but they

these bodies are in bad condition and couldn't fool me either.
"I thought the whole thing was
over. But it wasn't. The next day Congress could see heads roll off and bodies lifted while the arms remain still, somebody and everybody who is responsible for this nefarious work a Department of Justice agent, called me up and asked if I would go down That it was a mistake to start to bring bodies back is now pretty gen-erally conceded, but with the work under way there is no excuse for reto the City Hall (meaning the court house) at 9 o'clock the next morn-ing—that if I would, he would accomvolting conditions now existing, and as an ordinary American with some realization of what these men went had no objections, that I would go lown and talk to Mr. Leahy again So the next morning I was once more through, I think Congress should questioned by Mr. Leahy, a man named Storck-also a Department of Justice man who has handled the ond theft investigations—and Assistant District Attorney Paul B. Cromelin. For two hours they quizzed me.

"I had never discussed the case with anyone connected with it until the police took me to Headquarters. The day they escorted me, one or each side, I felt that people looked upon me as a murderess or of having committed some other crime, because the two detectives are well known to terviewing their political friends on almost everybody in Washington-everybody knew they were detectives and therefore judged that I was

they believed I was a tool of some-

The result has been that the entire under arrest."
Headquarters detectives acted in made to remove the present head of the case at the instance of officials the department, and his leadership is of the Department of Justice, who ower the efficiency of the forces.

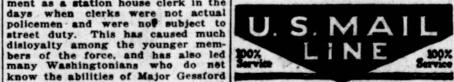
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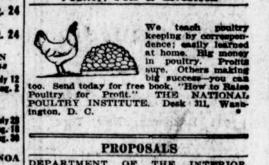
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Commissioner.

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